



**Apollo Sunguard: University of Florida's
Alfred A Ring Tennis Complex in Gainesville, Florida**

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“Building standards have changed tremendously, and so is the way we handle concrete. The challenge was attaching our shade structures to the existing stadium. Every single one of the beams had to be custom placed,” said Earnesto De Oliveira, Chief Operating Officer and VP of Engineering for Apollo Sunguard.

Park Website: www.FloridaGators.com/Sports/2020/4/4/Alfred-A-Ring-Tennis-Complex.aspx

Shade Solutions Design Engineers, Manufacturer & Installer: Apollo Sunguard

Project: Add shade over the 1,000-seat grandstand that overlooks six main lighted courts in addition to six back courts.

Challenge: The facility was built in the 1980s, to the building standards that are four decades old. First there was the challenge of obtaining the original architectural drawings, which were done by hand. Then, there was the challenge of the concrete itself, which was built to the 1980s code for concrete – much different today.

Solution: Once the drawings were obtained, Apollo Sunguard brought in a company to take X-Ray images of the concrete itself to determine the precise placement of each piece of rebar within the structure. Once this was determined, the location of each steel framework was determined.

Results: Now, hundreds of tennis fans enjoy cooler temperatures under a bright blue shade canopy at the tennis complex in the center of the University of Florida's campus.

“It was a lot of problem-solving. It was like trying to piece more and more pieces together. People think it's easy to add shade, but it's not. Sometimes, it's problem solving where the true creativity lies.”
- Earnesto De Oliveira, Chief Operating Officer and VP of Engineering for Apollo Sunguard.